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FORBIDDEN PASSIONS

by Michael Jasny

The super-calibrated Armitron digital LCD alarm-clock/radio sounded, sending ripples of reality through Claudia. It took several moments for her to establish who she was and what she was doing, but when this finally happened, she stifled the clock and slid out of bed.

She stroked her hair, running her hands along braids that had turned prematurely gray at the tender age of twenty-five. Straightening out an unwanted curl, Claudia spun about to face her lover, who was only now experiencing the pain of early-morning self-evaluation.

"We have to stop meeting like this," she said.

"Good morning," Edward replied. He strained to focus his deep-set eyes.

"I said, 'We have to stop meeting like this.'" She proceeded, undaunted by Edward's apathetic remark. "It's too risky; he's bound to catch us."

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May yours be very merry and may you have a happy, healthy, prosperous next year.

May your every day of 1984 be filled with love and above all, peace — His most precious gift.

And may these be your treasures forever.

Edward nodded his head. "I see. I've seen enough Rita Hayworth pictures to know that this is it. You want to end our relationship."

"No!" Claudia exclaimed. "I couldn't bear being without you. These few hours we spend together mean so much to me."

"I savor them, too," Edward conceded. "It drives me crazy just to be with you every day in the factory, craving you, but knowing that if I touched you, your spouse would find out."

Claudia began to weep. "I wish we could fly away together; I feel so miserable being with him! He disgusts me with his toys, and his animals, and... and..."

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SCENARIO

by Amy Cornell

You are travelling down New Dover Road. Suddenly, you are stopped in a very long line of traffic. Honking the horn does nothing; even yelling can't get them to move. You can't see any flashing lights. Boom, the line begins to move, but you still see no reason for the tie-up.

There is quite a traffic problem near our own school that you may not even be aware of. It occurs twice a day, once at 7:30 and again at 3:30.

It's not the school buses, who misjudge the turn. No, it's not fellow students hurrying to or from school.

It's something much more important than that.

It's geese.

Several years ago, the geese that lived on Freeman's Pond left their home because of pollution. Now they have returned to face another problem: no grass on their side of the road. Now they must go to the other side of the road, twice a day to feed.

Although they may stop traffic for a while, these birds are fascinating to watch. They're like a small community, each with their own job: 2 walkout to stop traffic, and bring the rest to the other side, while one walks several feet behind to make sure they can all cross. Then, while all of them eat,

two remain on either side of the yard by the road, to make sure no one attacks them. Finally, they file back across the road, and return to the pond.

Sure, you're thinking we should do something about this problem. But what? How about getting one of the environmental agencies to spread grass seed on the pond's banks? Or the neighbors doing the same? Metuchen had a similar problem which was helped by a sign, "Duck Crossing". Ours would have to say "Geese"; it would warn traffic of these fine-feathered animals. I guess you could say that these geese have it better than we do. They go out to dinner every night, don't they?

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NEWS

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Woodbridge Township's teacher of the year award went this year to some one who has deserved it all along. Anyone who has, had, or will have this teacher will understand why he received this award. Juniors in his class learn so much, and he makes them realize that they do know the answer, even if they are afraid to answer. Seniors, and adults, surprised that they can remember most of the things they have learned in his class. Underclassmen hear so much about him, but still take his class, not because they hear that they will learn a lot. And you do. So congratulations, Mr. Robert Peterson, from all of your future, present and past students (especially me)!!

Churchill in 2063

In the year 2063, whoever is President of the United States will open and publish the contents of a stainless steel time capsule buried below the statue of Sir Winston Churchill in Washington, DC. That will be 100 years after he was made an Honorary Citizen of the United States by joint action of Congress and proclamation of President Kennedy. Appropriately, one foot of the statue stands on American soil, the other on the grounds of the British Embassy.

The hermetically sealed canister was placed by The English-Speaking Union. It is only five inches in diameter but contains a voluminous library of Churchilliana because the text is on microfilm.



Off to Canada

by Nichole Fairweather

Bonjour Mademoiselle; Comment allez vous? Are just a few of the phrases you'll hear when you attend one of the many scheduled French Club meetings for the 1983-1984 school year. Just what is the French Club? The French Club is a group of dedicated students whose goal is to develop an interest and understanding of France, its language, and its culture. The French Club meets every other week on Tuesdays.

Mr. Roger May, the advisor, says he enjoys working with the members of the French Club. Mr. May has taught French for 21 years.

Among the scheduled activities for the French Club are numerous bake sales; a trip to see a French movie and dine in a restaurant; and a trip to Canada.



HOMECOMING

by Nichole Fairweather

Meet Debbie Ryan, an average senior at Colonia High School. She is currently working for C.O.E. and likes to bowl and also to read. After highschool she plans to attend secretarial school or college for computer literacy. What's so special about Debbie? Debbie Ryan is Colonia's 1983 homecoming queen.

When asked what her reaction was when she won, she replied smiling, "I was really surprised at first. I felt as if I were special in some way." You might think that being chosen homecoming queen would change your life; not Debbie. However, she said that the kids look at you differently, as if they're judging you.

Debbie's brother Kevin, escorted her to the homecoming game. She feels that this was the right choice because she is very proud of him.

Debbie's advice to any girl that would like to be chosen for homecoming queen is, to always have a good attitude, try to have a friendly personality, and try to get along with everyone including the teachers. Good advice? Maybe. It got Debbie Ryan to be chosen homecoming queen!



by Lisa Zweig

Twenty-two senior girls were nominated for Homecoming Queen by various school clubs. The senior class then voted for five girls, who would be the five finalists. These girls were: Gina Petito, nominated by D.E.; Debbie Ryan, nominated by C.O.E.; Robin Baldante, nominated by the football team; Simone Chin, nominated by the Sr. Masquerade Committee; and Cheryl Winig, nominated by the cheerleaders. Finally, the entire student body voted for the Queen.

On November 5, Homecoming Day had arrived with a cool chill in the air. During half-time, the five girls were brought onto the field in shiny corvettes, compliments of the Woodbridge Corvette Club.

At last, the eagerly awaited moment arrived. Kim Pacelli, President of Student Council announced the new Homecoming Queen: Debbie Ryan. Laura Roberts (last Year's Queen) crowned the 1983 Homecoming Queen.

To make the day complete, the Varsity Football team defeated Cedar Ridge 14-0, the first Homecoming victory.

Mock

by Mary Ann Sereika

This winter a group of students from Colonia Sr. High School advised by Mrs. Osborne, and assisted by an attorney, will participate in the Mock Trial Competition. The preliminary rounds of the competition will be held in the Middlesex County Courthouse before Superior Court Judges. If our team wins the preliminary rounds, we will advance to the finals at the New Jersey Supreme Court building in Trenton.

Participation in the competition consists of student team members playing the roles of attorneys, witnesses, plaintiffs and defendants in a civil case. Teams must be totally familiar with the case, and they must be prepared to represent either the prosecution or the defense, since sides to be represented are not announced until the day of the competition.

Students taking part in the trial are required to observe regular courtroom procedures. No leniency is shown by the judges towards

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Trials

the students because they are just "kids." This provides a true feeling of what courtroom procedure is really like.

Gramps sez: Lots of folks look back over the past year and think about all the good things that happened to them. But a few folks look back and think about all the good things they made happen.

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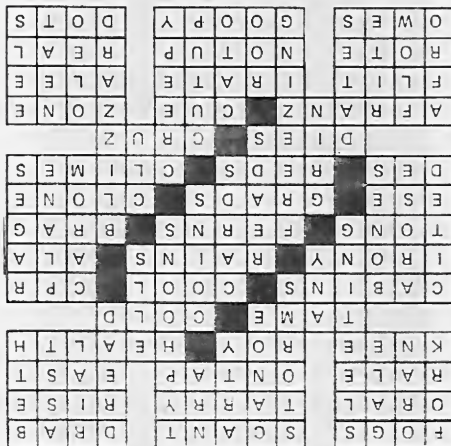




Trials...

Even if a team does not win the trial decision, they can still win the round because points are given on how familiar a team is with the case, how well rehearsed they are, how intelligent their questions are, and their overall courtroom procedure.

The competition will be stiff, but I think our team has an excellent chance of winning. Let's wish our Mock Trial Team and Mrs. Osborne the best of luck in this year's competition!



WINTER, DEC. 22... SR-R-R-RI

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

This problem has been on my mind for sometime now. Why is it that when a girl is asked out by a boy they are immediately "going steady"? Is there something wrong with seeing different guys at the same time and just going steady when your serious? I believe that both a guys and girls should be able to go out with different people in order to find one "special person".

In the past, the only people "going steady" were the ones really serious about their boy/girlfriends. There was nothing wrong with playing the field. Today you're two-timing if you're seen with more than one guy in one week. Everyone needs a chance to live and learn.

Signed,
Not going Steady

Dear Editor,

I wish to commend you on a certain feature in the first edition of the Declaration. It was the one in which several students confessed their most hidden fears. Not only was it amusing, but I thought it was interesting to get the viewpoints from classmates besides those on your staff. It was a very original and refreshing idea. I hope to see more of these types of questionnaires in the upcoming issues. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
A Pleased Reader

CHEERS



by Patricia Baron

The new 1983-1984 Colonia Freshmen Cheer-leading squad was recently picked. The members are: Lori Baitel, Patti Baron, Denise Hines, Crissy Priola, Paula Stiano, Elaine Sulse and Jennifer Walsh. The coaches are: Mrs. Lidon and Mrs. Ryan.

Three practices were held before the final try-outs could take place. The necessary skills and cheers were taught by the varsity and junior varsity squads. During try-outs, each girl had their own "big sister" to cheer them on.

This freshmen squad will cheer for the boys and girls freshmen basketball teams. They practice three days a week to prepare for games.

I predict the future of this group will be filled with many good times and good memories, along with the pain and sweat that is part of being a team. But the girls all agree that if they all work together, it will be worth it!

HOLIDAY

What would be your
greatest Christmas/
Chanukah present?

WISHES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
Lisa Zweig	Corvette
Terry Dymkowski	Tom Cruise
Amy Cornell	Meet Pete Townshend
Karen Coleman	Meet Russell Hitchcock
Michele Conrad	An apartment
Gary Comito	L.K.
Simone Chin	A condo in Hawaii
Judy Ellermann	Lamborghini
Rick Fink	My mom to get better
Paul Glinn	An "A" in Mr. Peterson's class
Greg Miller	To get accepted to the college of my choice
Mary Ann Serieka	My dad to win the Pick-6
Kristin Spillar	For every special person in my life to be happy- and a car
Pete Bratach	10 million dollars
Amy Miller	To pass Algebra II with a "D"
Dave Saruya	The guarantee that I will graduate

DEAR DEE

Dear Dee,

I'm a senior girl who has never gone on a date. It's really starting to bother me. Can you give me some tips on how to get guys to notice me a little? I'm so shy I can't even get up enough nerve to say "hi" to a guy. Please help before I end up sitting at home alone on the night of the prom!

Dateless and
Depressed

Dear D & D,

The first thing you have to do is get some self confidence. Every day, look at yourself in the mirror and tell yourself that you're a great person who a guy would love to go out with. Try to be more outgoing. Force yourself to start saying "hi" to people. It will be very hard at first, but after a few days, it'll become easier. Smile! Be enthusiastic! And don't worry about not having a date. They will come in time, if you really want them to. Good luck!

Dear Dee,

I'm going out with a guy who I think is nice. Sometimes I think I like him, but at other times I do not want to have anything to do with him. Lately, I've also started to like a few other guys. I don't know what to do. I don't want to break up with my boyfriend, but I also want to see other guys. Please help.

Too many guys

Dear TMG,

Why don't you tell your boyfriend that you just want to see him? This way you will both be free to see other people, and you'll be able to see which guy is really right for you. You might find out that you'll meet someone you really like or you might discover that your boyfriend was really the one for you. Good luck and have fun

Dear Dee,

I like a guy who isn't very popular. I think my friends would make fun of me if I went out with him. I don't want to hurt my reputation by going out with him, but I also don't want to lose him. What if everyone thinks I'm a weirdo?

What if all the other guys decide that they're never going to ask me out? Am I going to do more harm to myself than good?

Confused

Dear Confused,

You have to trust your feelings and what's right for you. If you really like this guy, then go out with him. Don't let your friends influence your decisions. Who knows? Maybe after your friends get to know this guy, they'll decide that he's not so bad after all. Don't even sacrifice your personal happiness for peer approval. You'll only be hurting yourself.



Passions...

"Don't cry, dear," spoke Edward, handing Claudia her parka. "You'd better go now; we can do it again next year."

Claudia staggered outside his cottage. "Goodbye, my sweet Edward," she whimpered.

Edward sighed as his amour gingerly closed the door behind her, leaving out

a small residue of snow inside to melt gradually on his shiny floor.

Claudia made her way slowly across an ice floe, her tears crystallizing as she went. She heard a jolly "Ho, Ho, Ho!" echoing off from far in the distance, announcing the arrival of her famed husband.

It would be a long time before Mrs. Claus could once again share the glories of pleasure with the elf of her dreams.

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HOLIDAY HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21-April 20)-This is a great holiday season for you, and you attract admirers like a magnet. Be careful, though. Do not fall for any mysterious strangers.

Taurus (April 21-May 20)-Do not overindulge on holiday goodies, or you may find yourself gainng unwanted pounds. Spend more time at home with your family. You have been neglecting them lately.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)-All those wild parties are tiring you out. Try to get some more rest. You have been overextending your self lately. And start eating right. No more junk food for a while!

Cancer (June 21-July 20)-Romance blossoms for you in this holiday season. A Virgo has her/his eye on you. Could a new love be in your future? Do not forget to buy that special person a super gift.

Leo (July 21-August 21)-You are extremely popular now. Your outgoing personality draws people to you and you make many new friends. A gift you have been wanting

secretly appears in your Christmas stocking. ENJOY!

Virgo (August 22-September 22)-Something is bothering you this Christmas season. Try to snap out of your blue mood. Some physical activity would be good for you. Going iceskating or skiing and have a great time!

Libra (September 23-October 22)-The 27th is not a very lucky day for you. Try to spend it at home so you will not get hurt. Things get better quickly, and New Years Eve brings excitement.

Scorpio (October 23-November 22)-A Sagitarius really, really likes you. Try to get to know him/her better. You two could have a bright future together! The 29th brings great times! Share it with that special person.

Sagitarius (November 23-December 20)-You have been letting yourself get run down lately. Try to relax more and get your resistance up. This is no time to get sick. The 30th is a good day for resting.

Capricorn (December 21-January 19)-You are extremely busy this holiday season. Social invitations abound, and your phone rings off the hook! Do not let your head swell though. True freinds are more important than numerous acquaintances.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18)-Why are you isolating yourself so much lately? Get out and talk to some of your friends. This is no time to be alone. Why not go and see that movie you have been thinking about?

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WRITTEN WITH LOVE PRINTED WITH SAME

"Are you a printer?"

"Yes, little girl. What can I do for you?"

"I wrote a poem and I want to have two copies printed on nice paper."

"May I see it?"

The little girl handed a piece of paper to the printer. He read it and said, "It's a beautiful poem."

"Thank you."

"You must love your parents very much."

The little girl smiled and said, "That's why I need two copies. I want to give my poem to them for Christmas."

"Well, printing is pretty costly these days, and we'll have to use expensive paper."

"I want expensive paper. How much would it all cost?"

The printer picked up a pencil and started figuring. After a few minutes he said, "How much did you plan to spend?"

"I have a dollar and four cents."

The printer examined his figures again and said, "The two poems printed on nice paper would cost 49 cents."

"Oh, that's fine. Can I have them by next week?"

"No problem."

"And can you print two little Christmas designs near the poem?"

"Good idea."

"How much extra would that cost?"

"Just a few cents more."

"Good . . . I'll have enough money left over to wrap my poems in Christmas paper and a ribbon."

After the little girl left, the printer set the poem in type and pulled a proof. Then, he made three copies of the poem. "This extra one," he said to himself, "is a Christmas present for me."

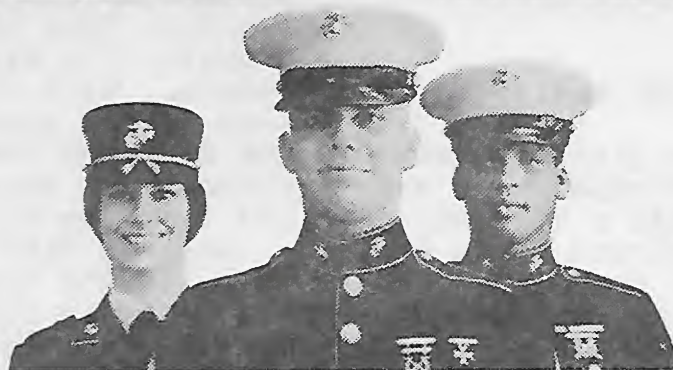
FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE?

How was the first Christmas tree decorated?

According to legend, when Christ was born, a group of stars looked down upon an olive tree, a date palm, and a pine tree which stood over the manger. Seeing that the pine had nothing to offer in His honor while the others gave fruit and dates, they descended from the heavens to rest upon the pine's boughs as an offering — and that was the first Christmas tree.

The Dingaling Sez:

"Don't want no fancy wrapped gifts for Christmas. Just make it a simple card . . . with cash"



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"Ask your local recruiter about the DEP program. It gives you more to look forward to than a cap and gown; you'll be graduating to the Marines."

"Call your Marine Corps representatives, Staff Sergeant Wingert and Sergeant Castro at 738-0559...or stop by their office at 6 Egan Avenue in Fords!"

Sports

by Randi Leviten

The girl's tennis team closed their season with a 7-10 win-loss record. The following is a list of the teams and scores for the season:

J.F.K.- 2-3

Madison- 2-3, 1-4

Cedar Ridge- 2-3, 3-2

Woodbridge- 1-4, 2-3

E. Brunswick- 3-2, 4-1

J.P. Stevens- 0-5, 1-4

Perth Amboy- 5-0, 3-2

Edison- 5-0, 4-1

Sayreville- 2-3, 2-3

They ranked tenth in the conference,

Though the team did not have a winning record, the girls gained valuable court experience and had a lot of fun at the same time. Next year, they are hoping for an excellent season.

Plenty of ~~crime~~ these days—
evil on evil no end.
Inhumanity to one's kind—
strange horror of history.
Still, much goodness remains—
more rights than wrongs.
And good or bad, there's hope—
man knows the difference.
That knowledge alone—
part of Christmas.

The Declaration

by Vicky Carmino

With basketball season approaching around the corner, the Patriots have the promise of a winning season. With all of last year's starters and many new faces, Colonia can expect a lot from the team.

Captain Mike Farrell led the team last year in rebounds, and the team is anticipating a strong repeat of this during

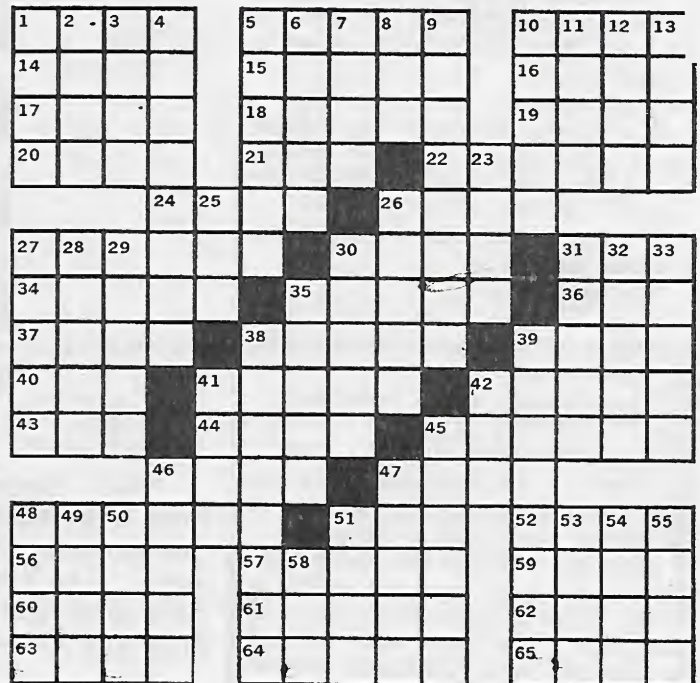
the 1983-1984 season. With the great shooting ability of Tony Payne, the team should have a winning record. The skills of Tom McGovern, Steven Sesny, Frank Francois, and Guy Kovalewich will also add to the strength and determination of the team.

Look forward to an excellent season this year.

WINTER, DEC. 22... BR-R-R!

ACROSS

- 1 Windshield _____ up
- 5 Meager
- 10 Word for cloudy day
- 14 Spoken
- 15 Linger
- 16 Moon or sun action
- 17 Odd breathing sound
- 18 Ready (2 wds.)
- 19 Sunrise place
- 20 Joint
- 21 Rogers or Clark
- 22 To your _____
- 24 Not wild
- 26 20 degrees below, e.g.
- 27 Mountain shelters
- 30 10 degrees C, e.g.
- 31 Lifesaving abbr.
- 34 Socratic _____
- 35 Cats and dogs weather
- 36 _____ mode (2 wds.)
- 37 Chinese secret society
- 38 Plants with fronds
- 39 Boast
- 40 Wind direction (abbr.)
- 41 Alums
- 42 Duplicate
- 43 _____ Moines
- 44 Some sunset colors
- 45 Poetic weather
- 46 Expires
- 47 Santa _____
- 48 Liszt, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 51 Prompt
- 52 Frigid or temperate
- 56 Dance about
- 57 Angry
- 59 Aweather opposite



- 60 Learn by _____
- 61 Still in bed (2 wds.)
- 62 True
- 63 ~~Har~~ hills
- 64 Word for foul weather (sl.)
- 65 Polka or Swiss

DOWN

- 1 Utensil
- 2 Algerian port
- 3 32-63 mph wind
- 4 Pouring frozen rain
- 5 Winter events
- 6 Kayak
- 7 Showy

- 8 Pressure grp.
- 9 Severe storms
- 10 Reaction to lightning
- 11 Arab money
- 12 Aide (abbr.)
- 13 Meg, Jo, _____, Amy
- 23 House additions
- 25 Some
- 26 Invents
- 27 Quoted
- 28 Came up
- 29 Skeleton parts
- 30 Poker need
- 31 Rebound
- 32 Cloud seeder
- 33 Storms

- 35 Scans
- 38 0 degrees C
- 39 Violent snowstorm
- 41 Smile
- 42 Insurance seller (abbr.)
- 45 Spooky
- 46 Palm fruits
- 47 Clown
- 48 Hairdo
- 49 River movement
- 50 Ceremony
- 51 Roman author
- 53 Margarine
- 54 Tidy
- 55 Electric fish
- 58 Short for Australian marsupial

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